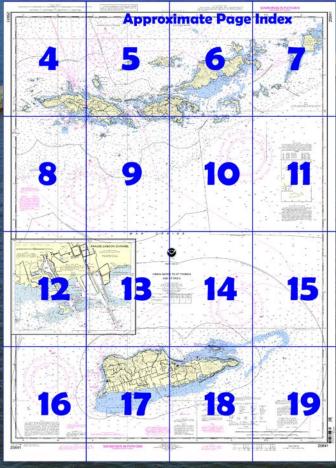
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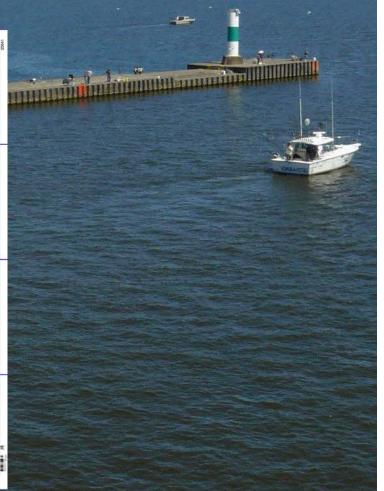
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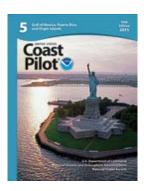
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# (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

St. Thomas is almost surrounded by small islands and cays, in general, bold and steep-to, with very few hidden dangers to guard against.

Savana Island, 2 miles WSW from the W end of St. Thomas, is nearly a mile long and 0.5 mile wide. Savana Island Light (18°20'24"N., 65°05'00"W.), 300 feet above the water, is shown from a white tower at the SW end of the island. Depths of 34 feet and less extend up to 0.5 mile from the E

side of the island.

The currents in the vicinity of the NE point of Savana Island are very strong, and small boats should give the reef a wide berth. Boat landings may be made in smooth weather.

Kalkun Cay, in the middle of Savana Passage, is a narrow islet, 275 yards long and about 20 to 30 yards wide, which is covered with grass and small underbrush. About 0.5 mile SE of the cay is Saltwater Money **Rock**, 8 feet high, steep-to, with a clear channel between.

Little St. Thomas is a low grass-covered peninsula connected with the W end of the island of St. Thomas by a sandspit. A 50-foot hill is near the NE point and a 21-foot bluff is at the S end. Small boats stay in the small gravel cove S of the peninsula when the sea is too rough to land at Sandy Bay or Botany Bay. A boat passage is between Little St. Thomas and a 42-foot islet 100 yards to the N.

**Big Current Hole** is a passage separating West Cay from Little St. Thomas. There are rocks awash extending E from West Cay; the outer one, Drum Rock, 2 feet high, constricts the channel, the strong currents and heavy tide rips render the passage difficult. Small boats using this passage, when passing through from S, head for Drum Rock and leave it close-to on the port hand.

Salt Cay, 242 feet high and 0.6 mile NW of Little St. Thomas, is generally rocky and rugged. Many rocks awash are close-to on the SW, W, and E sides of the cay. The channel between Salt Cay and West Cay is shallow, and breakers extend across it.

Salt Cay Passage is about a mile wide, with deep water in the channel, and is free of dangers.

Currents.—In navigating the passages between this group of islands, it is necessary to guard against the tidal currents, which in Savana Passage run with a velocity of 3 knots and in the others about 1 knot. Sailing vessels beating up against the northgoing current should stand well to S of Savana Island, so as to avoid the strength of the inshore current. Currents.—Inshore the current is weak, but between Flat Cays and Saba Island, a tidal current sets ESE and WNW with velocities up to 1 knot. Quarantine, customs, immigration, and agricultural quarantine.—(See chapter 3, Vessel Arrival Inspections, and Appendix A for addresses.) Currents.—The current velocity is about 0.7 knot and sets SW and NE across the entrance to Coral Bay; between Flanagan Island and Privateer Point its velocity is reported to be 1.5 knots. In the bay there is no current, and the range of tide is about 1 foot.

There is usually a slight W current between St. Croix Island and St. Thomas Island. A strong westerly or easterly current observed between 1 to 3 knows, depending on weather conditions, has been observed at Christiansted Harbor on the north side of Protestant Cay in Schooner Channel, while a moderate W flow is reported outside the light at Fort Louise Augusta.

National Ocean Service parties have reported that off East Point tidal currents of about 1 knot set NW and SE in calm weather. Close to East Point strong currents set N and S. Trade winds increase the NW flow and decrease the SE flow. A very strong W current setting around East Point and through Buck Island Channel was noted when the trade wind was blowing. A strong NW current was noted off Southwest Cape. In 1982, the NOAA Ship MT. MITCHELL reported a prevailing W current with a drift of 1 to 1.5 knots on the S side of St. Croix, with a countercurrent inside the reef along the shore.

# **U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center**

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**RCC New Orleans** Commander

8th CG District (504) 589-6225 New Orleans, LA



NOTE F
Cross Channel lights 2, 4, and LK are obscured to seaward within the indicated sector lines.

#### HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

# CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

Limetree Bay and vicinity is undergoing extensive modification and dredging. Mariners are advised to exercise caution while navigating the inner harbor area. Aids to navigation are

## CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the

U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

# CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See ocal Notice to Mariners.

#### BADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

## AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

See the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency List of Lights and Fog Signals for information not included in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

# CAUTION

# SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines an submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and sub marine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or

unlighted buoys

The prudent mariner will not rely solely or any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

# CAUTION

Mariners are cautioned against anchoring dredging, or trawling within the area of the dashed magenta lines due to the presence of

# NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at

St. Thomas, V.I. WXM-96 162.475 MHz

# **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

CAUTION

The area within a 4-mile radius of Limetree Bay Channel Entrance Lighted Buoy 2 is constantly congested with very large tank vessels. All vessels are advised to avoid loaded tank vessels and use extreme caution in and near this 4-mile area.

See U.S. Coast Pilot 5 for additional information

### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the Puerto Rico Datum must be corrected an average of 7.137 southward and 1.489" eastward to agree with

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S Coast Pilot 5. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pub-ished in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the egulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commande th Coast Guard District in Miami, Florida, or at the Office the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Jacksonvil

Refer to charted regulation section numbers

# POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

### KRAUSE LAGOON CHANNEL

The controlling depth was 34 feet for a width of 300 feet from the entrance to the turning basin, thence 34 feet in the turning basin, thence 33 feet for a width of 300 feet to the head of the private project. Aids to navigation are private.

# NOTE G

CAUTION

Uncharted submerged rocks are reported (1979) to exist between Round Rock and Fallen Jerusalem (18°24.5'N., 64°27.5'W. approx.).

## AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coas Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

# HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS

Hurricanes, tropical storms and other major storms may cause considerable damage to marine structures, aids to navigation and moored vessels, resulting in submerged debris in unknown locations.

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report aids to navigation discrepancies and hazards to navigation to the nearest United States Coast Guard unit.

#### SOURCE DIAGRAM 1270

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

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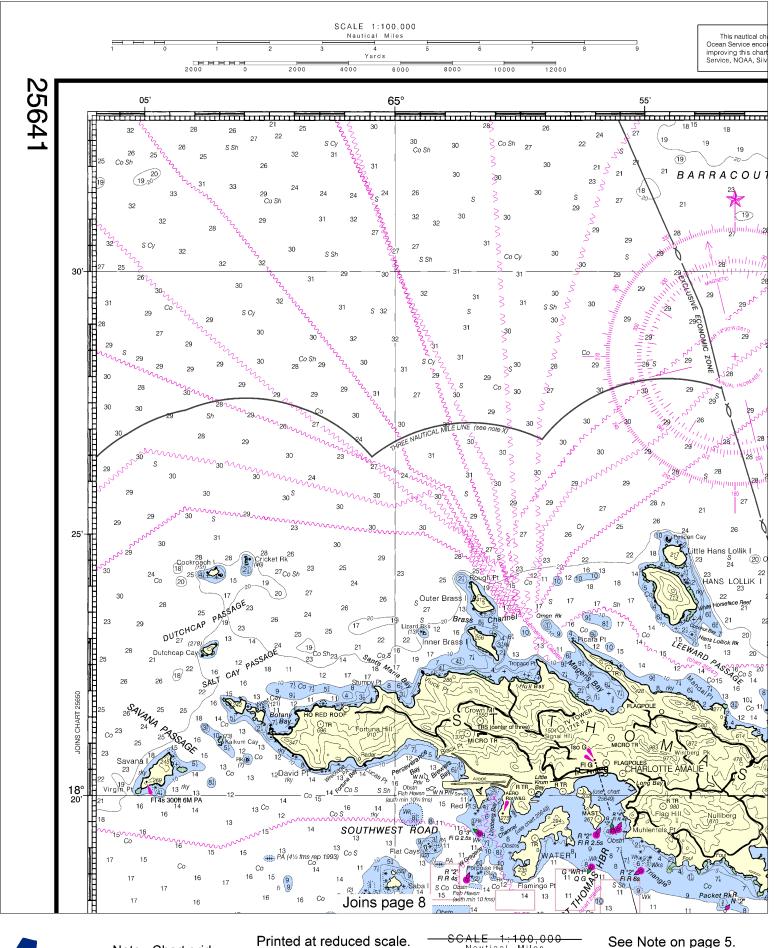
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# COLREGS, 80.738a (see note A)

International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation Line

TIDAL INFORMATION &				
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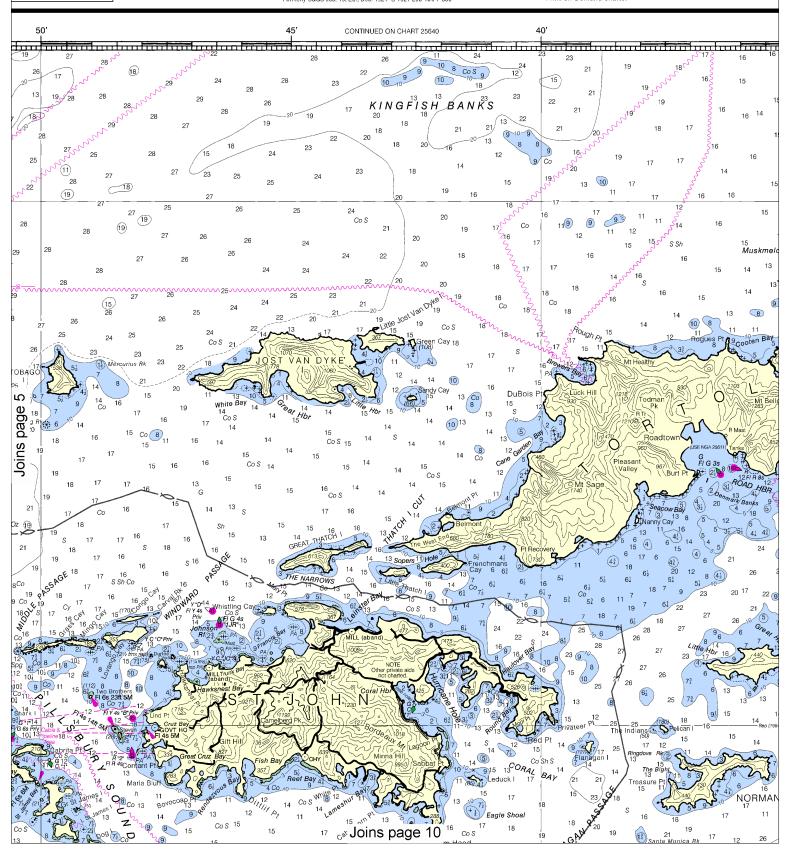
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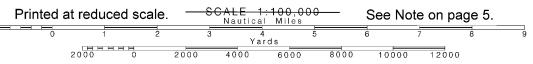
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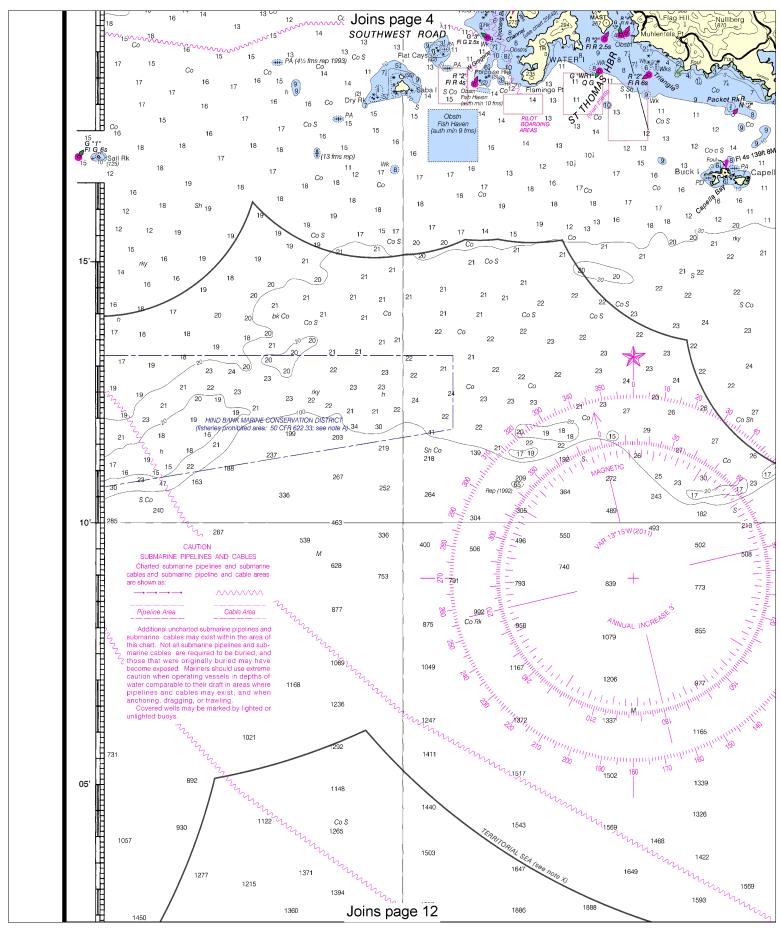




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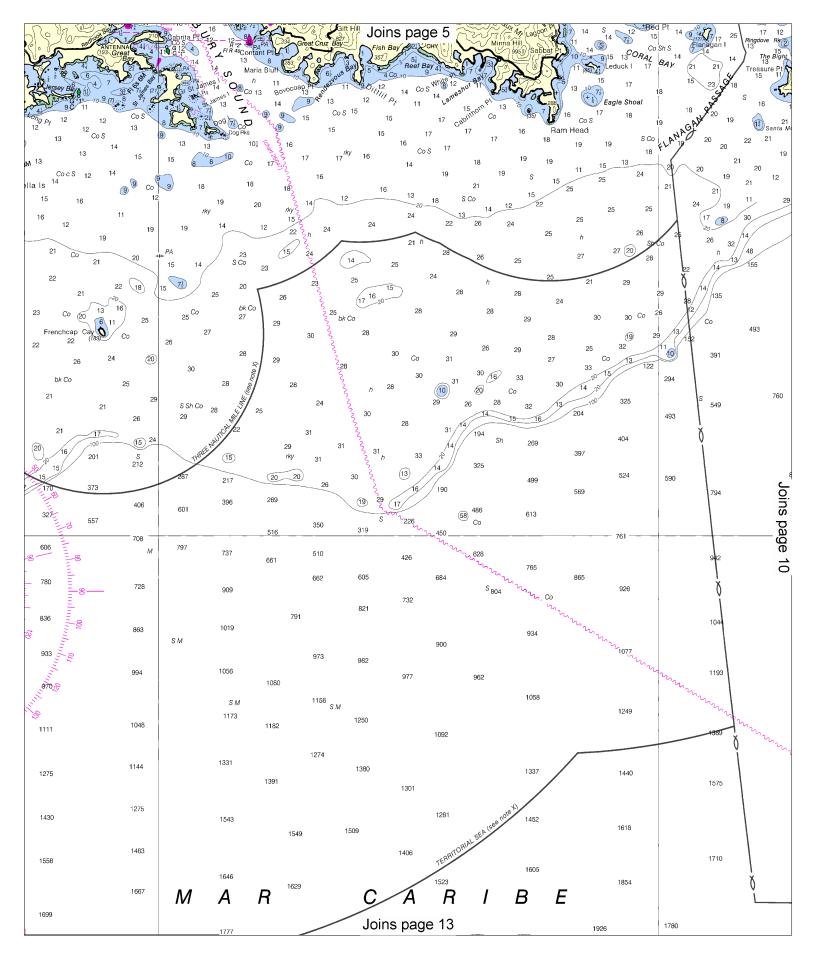


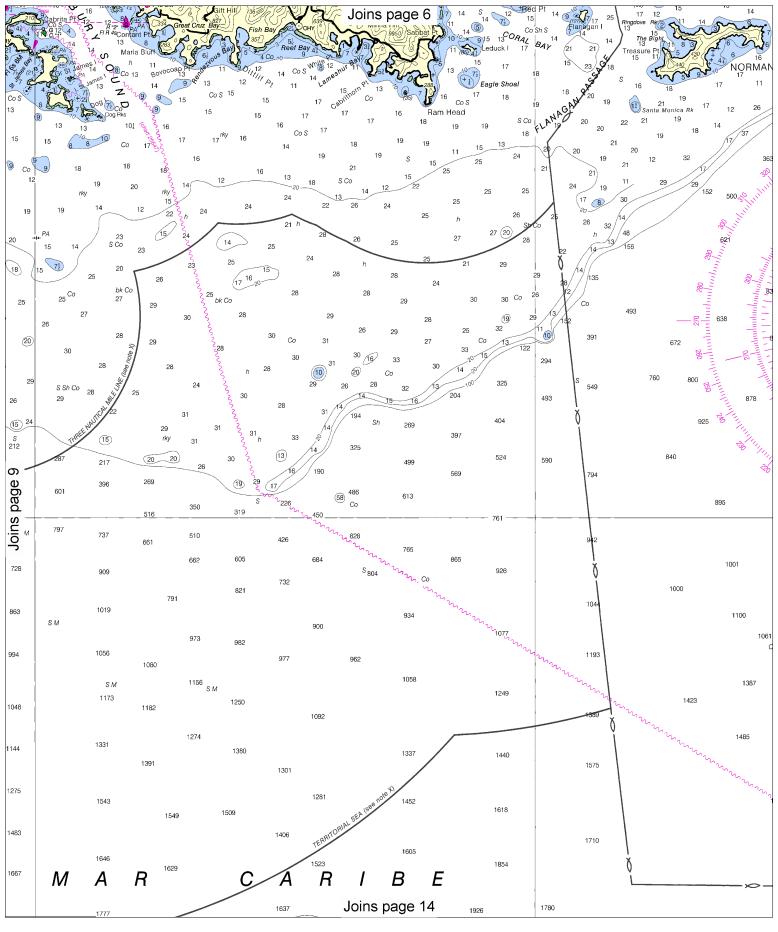
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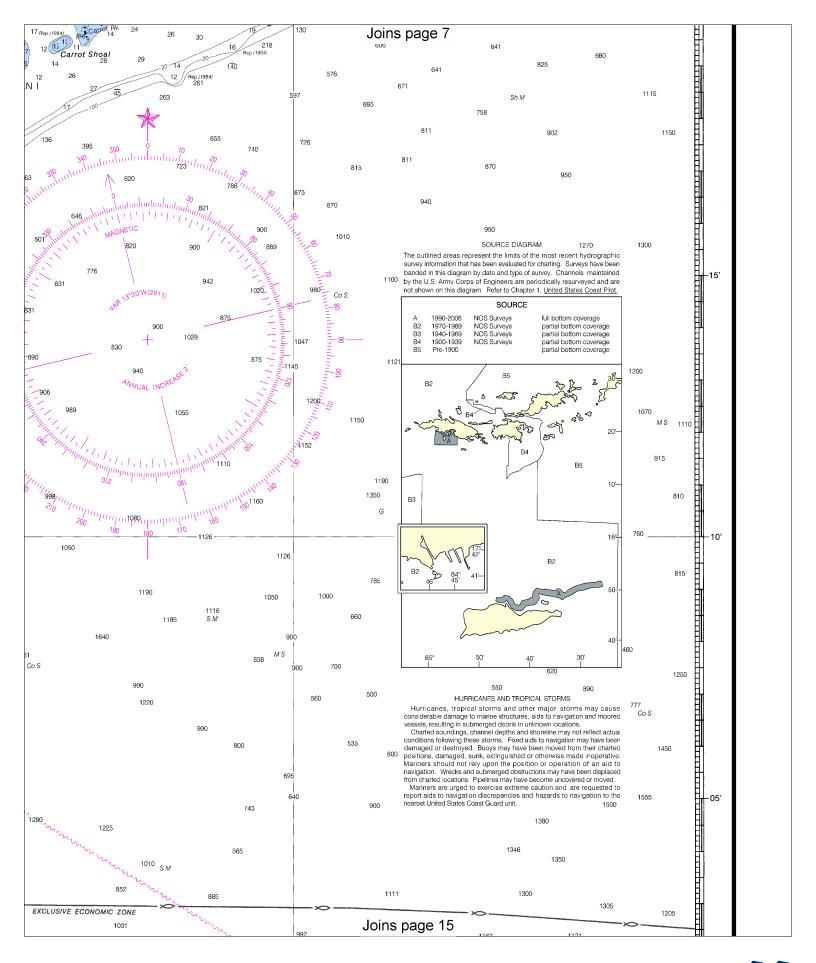


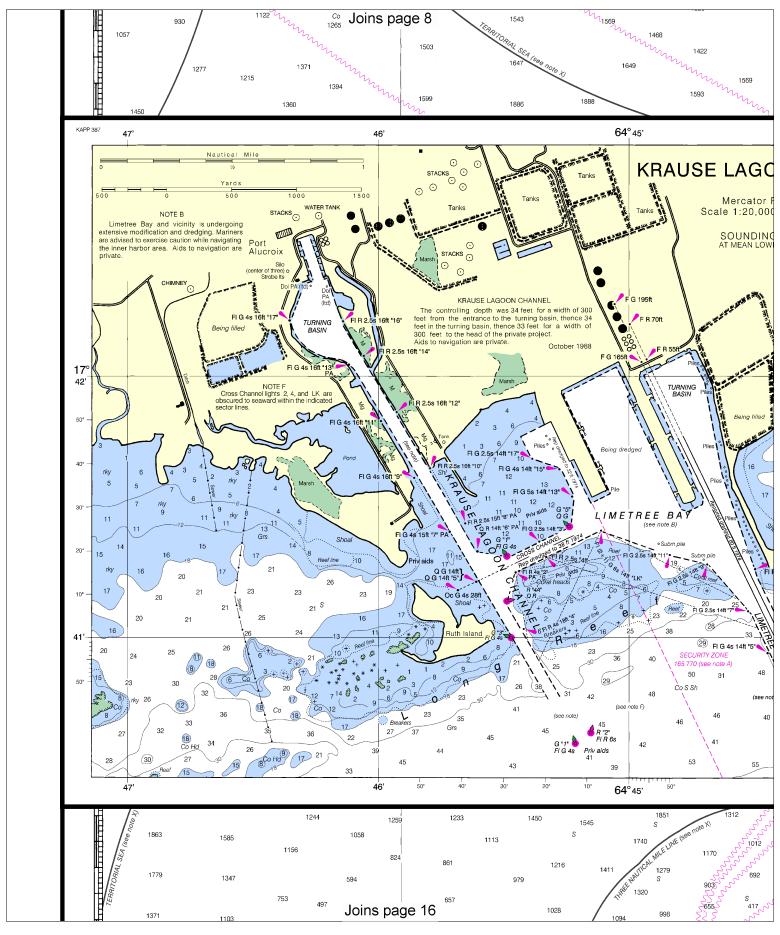




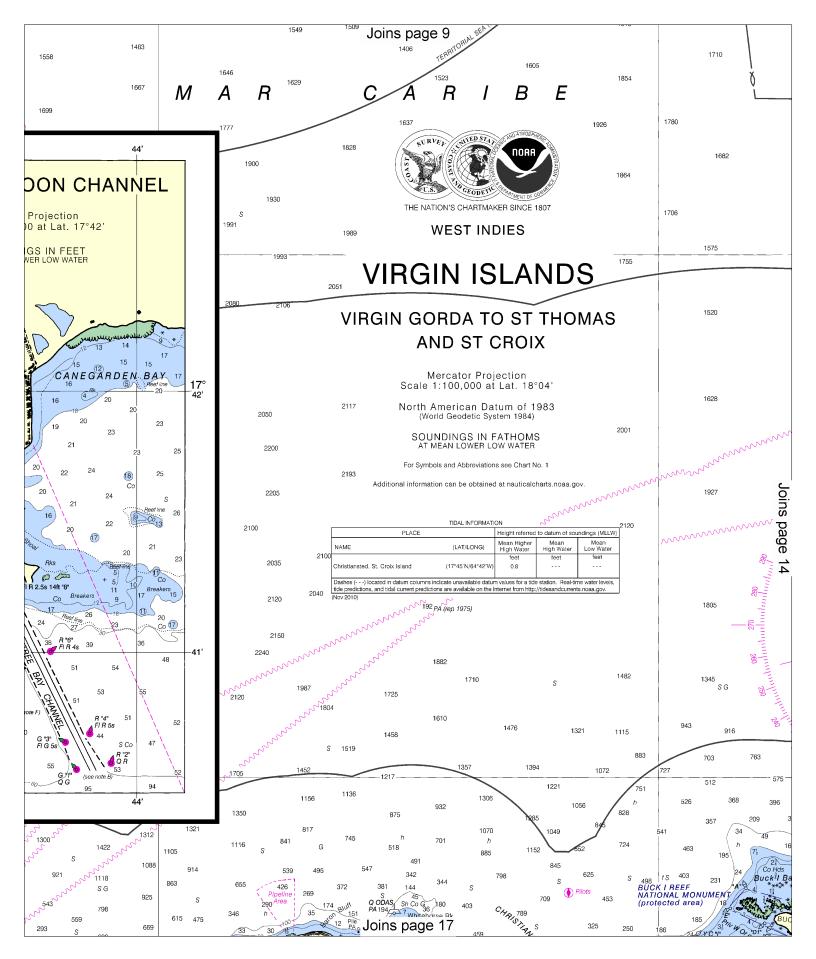


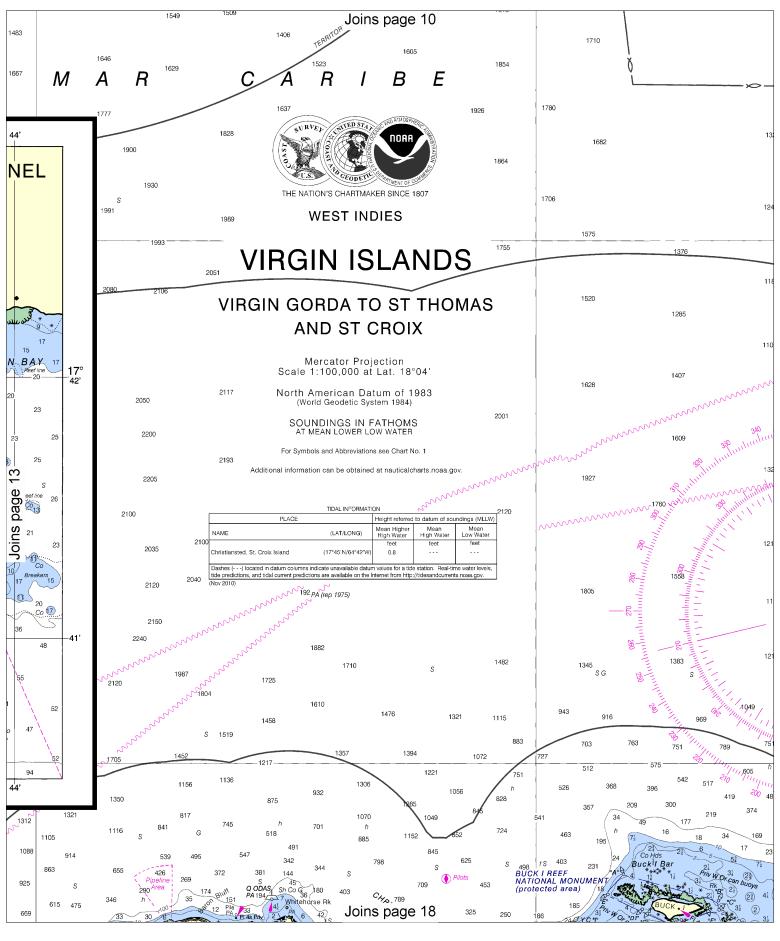




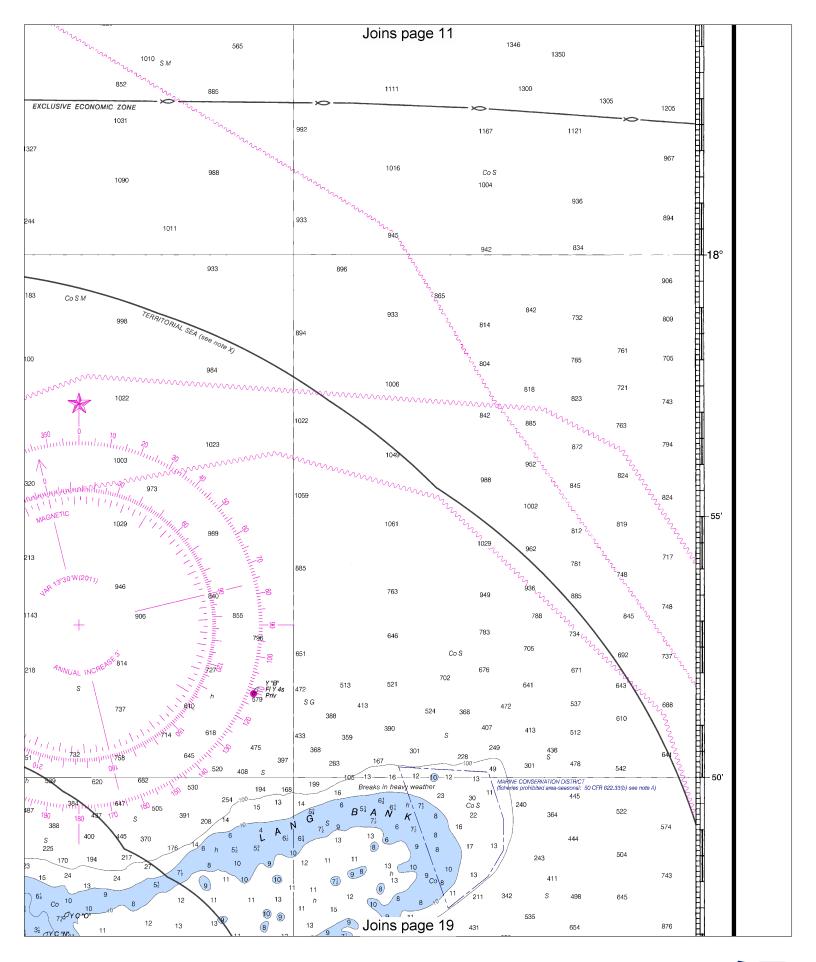


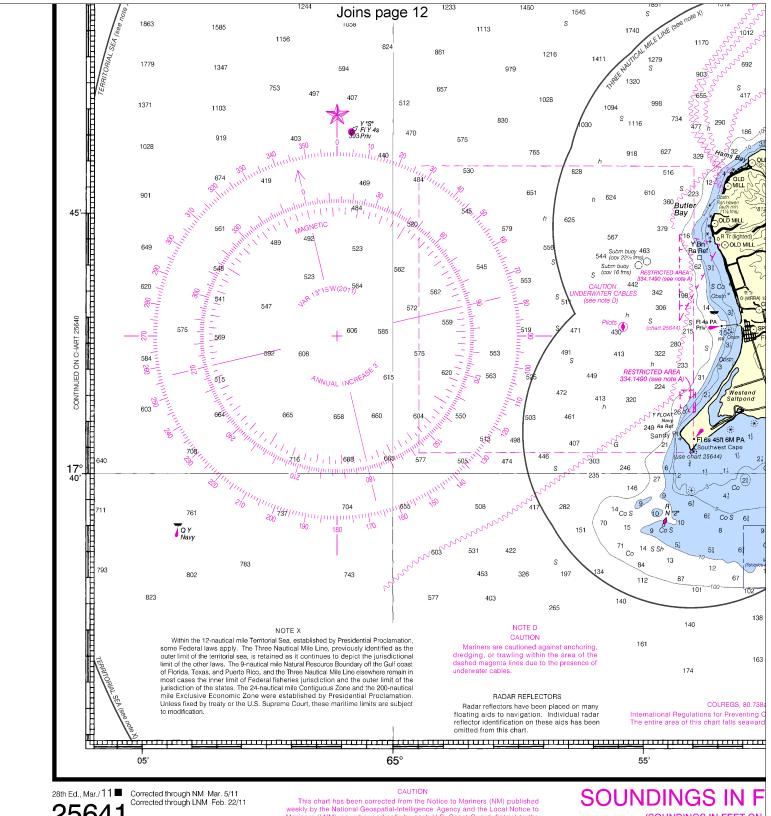








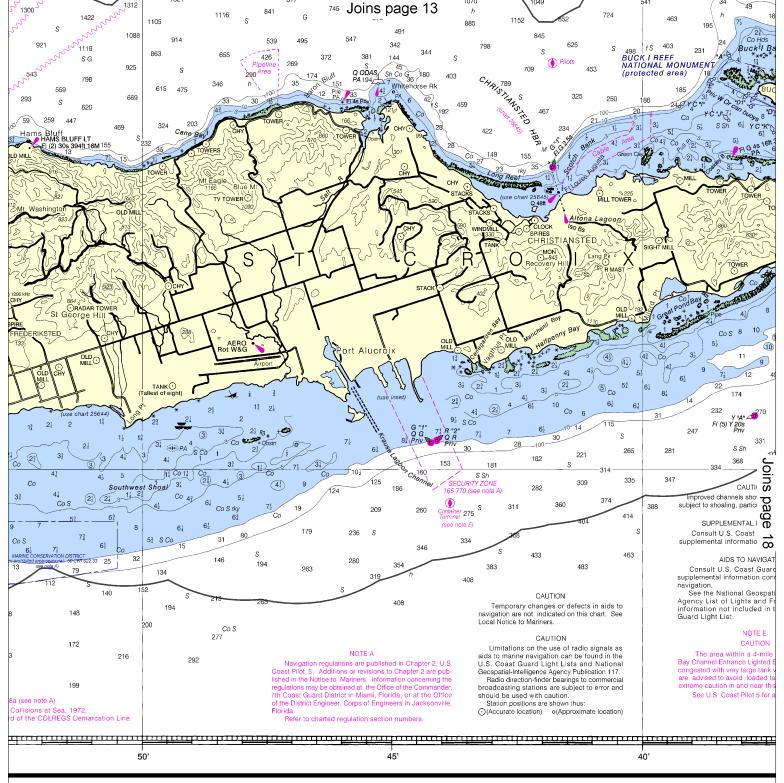




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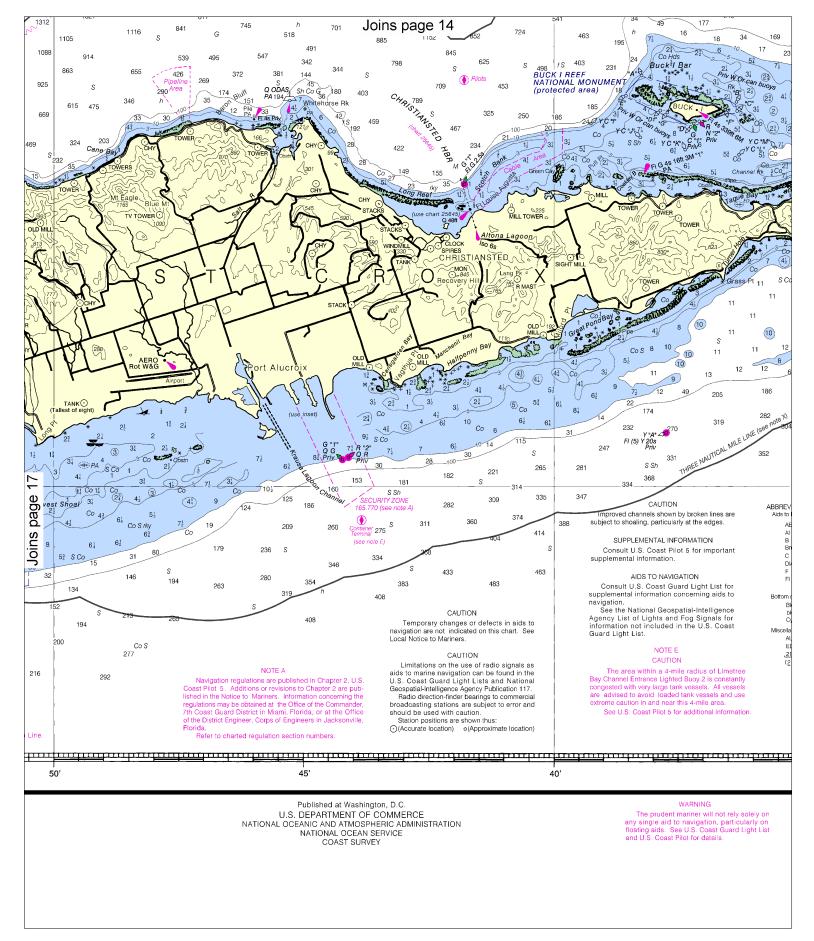
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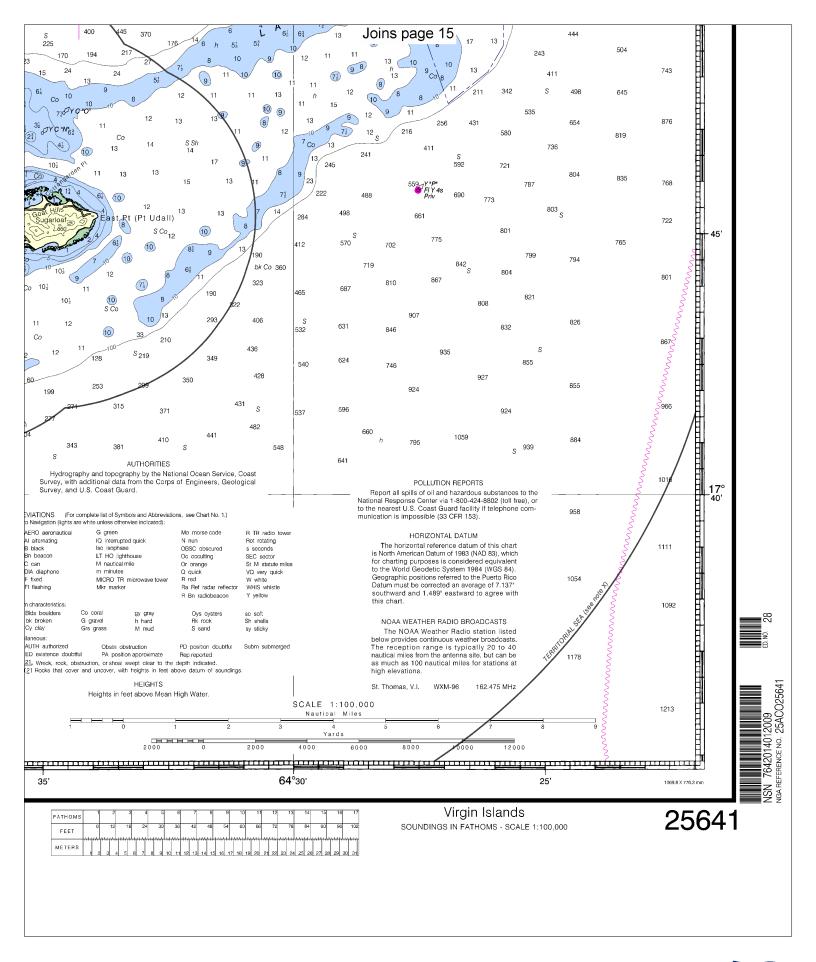


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# VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

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# **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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